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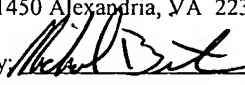
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DISCOUNT FOR A CUSTOMER
BASED ON THE FREQUENCY OF
THE CUSTOMER'S
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